IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 5-8, 12-15, 21-23, 25, 28, and 29 are amended herein. Claims 10 and 36 is cancelled. All pending claims are produced below. In addition, the status of each is also indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A peripheral device for operation in conjunction with a <u>handheld</u> wireless communication device, the peripheral device comprising:

an alphanumeric keyboard operable to receive user input data;

a communication interface operable to <u>receive first data from the handheld wireless communication device and transmit second data to the handheld wireless communication device, the first and second data being interactable by an application on the handheld wireless communication device</u> ~~control transfer of processed data to the wireless communication device, the processed data for processing by an application on the wireless communication device, and to control the transfer of data received from the wireless communication device~~;

a ~~display~~ <u>screen</u> to display <u>at least part of the first and second data</u> ~~processed data and the data received from the wireless communication device~~; and

a processor, coupled to the alphanumeric keyboard, the communication interface, and the ~~display~~ <u>screen</u>, operable to execute a peripheral application using the user input data and the <u>first</u> data ~~received from the wireless communication device~~ thereby generating the ~~processed~~ <u>second</u> data, the peripheral application <u>being associated with the application on the handheld wireless communication device</u> ~~synchronizing only the processed data with the application on the wireless communication device~~.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Cancelled)

4.   (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein the peripheral

device automatically switches to an on state in response to at least one predefined

event.

5.   (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising a backup

memory, operably coupled to the communication interface, for storing a backup copy

of the first data ~~received from the wireless communication device~~.

6.   (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein the communication

interface is adapted to automatically establish connectivity with the <u>handheld</u> wireless

communication device in response to at least one predefined event.

7.   (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein the communication

interface further transmits a signal to the <u>handheld</u> wireless communication device

directing the <u>handheld</u> wireless communication device to transmit at least one data

item and a data request via a network connection.

8.   (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein the communication

interface further receives a signal from the <u>handheld</u> wireless communication device

representing at least one data item received by the <u>handheld</u> wireless communication

device via a network connection.

9.   (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 7, wherein the network

connection comprises an Internet connection.

10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 6, further comprising an enclosure having an opened position and a closed position, wherein the predetermined event for establishing connectivity is the transition of the enclosure from the closed position to the ~~open~~ opened position.

13. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 6, wherein the predetermined event for establishing connectivity is a signal transmitted by the handheld wireless communication device.

14. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein the second ~~processed~~ data is stored in a storage medium on the peripheral device.

15. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, where the second ~~processed~~ data is stored in a storage medium on the handheld wireless communication device.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising a network interface, coupled to the processor, for transmitting at least a data item and a data request via a network connection, and for receiving at least one data item via the network connection.

21. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein the communication interface further receives, from the handheld wireless communication device, software code for at least one software application.

22.   (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising memory

        for storing the <u>first</u> data <s>received from the wireless communication device</s> and the

        <u>second</u> <s>processed</s> data.

23.   (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 22, wherein the memory stores

        the <u>first</u> <s>application</s> data and the <u>second</u> <s>processed</s> data from one user session to at

        least one subsequent user session.

24.   (Cancelled)

25.   (Currently Amended) A peripheral device for a handheld computing system, the

        peripheral device comprising:

        a communication interface structured to receive <u>first</u> data from the handheld

                computing system and transmit <u>second</u> <s>processed</s> data to the handheld

                computing system, wherein the <u>first</u> data <s>from the handheld computing system</s>

                and the <u>second</u> <s>processed</s> data are <u>interactable</u> <s>for processing</s> by a handheld

                application on the handheld computing system;

        a display communicatively coupled with the communication interface and structured

                to visually present <u>at least part of</u> the <u>first</u> data <s>from the handheld computing</s>

                <s>system</s> and the <u>second</u> <s>processed</s> data;

        an alphanumeric keyboard hingedly coupled with the display and structured to

                receive <s>an</s> a user input, the user input being for manipulating the <u>first</u> <s>visually</s>

                <s>presented</s> data; and

        a processor coupled to the communication interface, the alphanumeric keyboard, and

                the display and configured to execute a peripheral application using the user

                input and the <u>first</u> data <s>from the handheld computing system</s> thereby

generating the <u>second</u> ~~processed~~ data, the peripheral application <u>being</u> <u>associated with the handheld application on the handheld computing system</u> ~~synchronizing only the processed data with the handheld application~~.

26.   (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the display comprises graphics processor for rendering full-screen display.

27.   (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the alphanumeric keyboard comprises a QWERTY keyboard.

28.   (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a processor configured to process the ~~manipulated~~ visually presented data prior to transmitting <u>the second data</u> to the handheld computer system.

29.   (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a memory to temporarily store the visually presented data ~~and the manipulated visually presented data~~.

30.   (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a storage medium configured to store data.

31.   (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 30, wherein the storage medium comprises a solid state storage medium.

32.   (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the communication interface comprises a Bluetooth communication interface.

33.   (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the communication interface comprises a tethered communication interface.

34. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a power management module configured to instantly place the display and the alphanumeric keyboard in an instant on state or an instant off state.

35. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the handheld computing system comprises a personal digital assistant.

36. (Cancelled)